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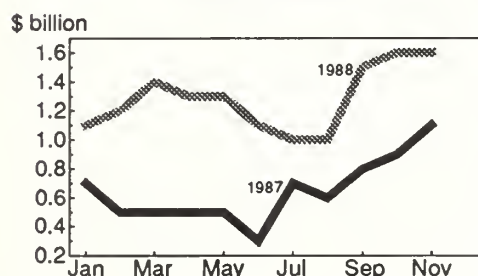


# U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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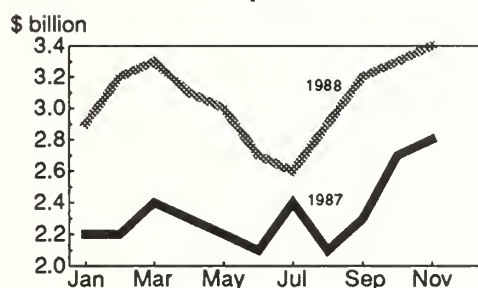
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Trade Balance



**Trade Surplus Widens** - The agricultural trade surplus gained another \$50 million during November as exports continued their seasonal growth trend. Exports climbed \$50 million to \$3.35 billion, while imports remained about the same as October's. At \$1.6 billion, November's trade surplus was \$468 million above November 1987 and the highest since December 1984.

Exports



**Exports Gain** - U.S. agricultural exports expanded for the fourth consecutive month in November, a seasonal gain led by soybeans, cotton, and tobacco. Exports rose slightly to \$3.35 billion as shipments of soybeans grew \$72 million, cotton \$49 million, and tobacco \$45 million from their October values. Wheat, animal feeds, and meat were also higher, while corn, vegetable oil, and horticultural products fell (table 5).

Many grain and oilseed prices were lower in November. Wheat prices averaged higher, however, with continued strong demand and tighter global supplies. Corn and soybean prices continued downward from their summer drought-induced highs, while cotton prices averaged slightly higher.

*Soybean* volume rose one-fifth from the month before as new-crop supplies became available, but the gain was less than the typical seasonal upswing during the 1980's. At 1.7 million tons, the volume of soybean exports was largest since April 1988. Shipments to the EC rose 378,000 tons, and were also higher to Eastern Europe and Taiwan. Shipments to Mexico and Japan fell from their October levels.

*Tobacco*, one of the most strongly seasonal exports, rose to \$129 million in November from \$85 million

in October. Shipments from October through December usually account for more than 40 percent of a fiscal year's total export value. Western Europe takes about half of U.S. unmanufactured tobacco exports, with Japan the second largest customer.

*Cotton* exports gained \$49 million to more than \$121 million, largely on the strength of increased shipments to Japan, Korea, and the EC.

*Corn* export volume fell 14 percent to 3.8 million tons as shipments to Mexico and Spain dropped below October tonnages. Shipments to the USSR and Japan continued at their previous month's high levels.

*Wheat* export volume remained near October's as increased shipments to Egypt, Japan, and Pakistan offset smaller shipments to China and Bangladesh. Higher average prices boosted value about 5 percent to nearly \$396 million.

**Imports Level** - Total agricultural import value remained unchanged in November at just over \$1.7 billion. Increases for fruits, vegetables, and natural rubber were offset by lower values for coffee, cocoa, sugar, and tobacco (table 6).

**Export Value to Gain in 1989** - U.S. farm product exports are expected to continue their growth path during fiscal 1989, reaching about \$36.5 billion. Export volume could fall by about 12 million tons as higher prices reduce world protein meal use and shrink the U.S. share of world soybean and soybean meal trade. Agricultural imports are forecast at about the same value total as last year. The trade surplus is expected to widen \$1 billion to \$15.5 billion (table 4).

Imports

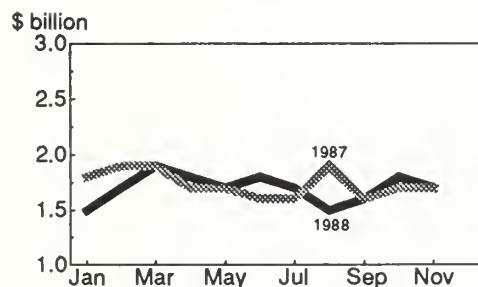


Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	January-November				November			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	25,726,266	33,469,804	--	--	2,839,474	3,349,961
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	4,688,346	5,855,994	--	--	520,553	617,781
Animals live - excl poultry (NO)	255	2,173	295,243	465,420	25	481	72,126	73,329
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	117	289	92,282	181,670	19	26	13,706	19,953
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	19	25	194,116	234,582	3	2	57,776	41,554
Swine - live (NO)	7	62	5,628	13,635	1	19	489	3,961
Other live animals (NO)	112	1,797	3,217	35,534	3	434	155	7,861
Meats & meat products (MT)	486	617	1,241,296	1,796,279	53	69	154,881	216,073
Beef & veal (MT)	193	208	703,832	1,012,035	22	25	92,817	126,653
Beef & veal - fresh or froz (MT)	189	204	689,009	993,267	22	24	91,335	124,299
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	4	4	14,823	18,768	0	1	1,482	2,354
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	37	47	72,747	95,196	4	4	7,412	9,681
Pork (MT)	30	57	113,340	226,302	6	7	21,896	28,183
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	26	49	101,225	206,119	5	6	20,366	25,002
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	5	7	12,116	20,182	1	1	1,530	3,181
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	211	287	318,450	414,575	20	30	29,262	46,559
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	14	18	32,927	48,172	1	2	3,494	4,997
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	548,228	619,265	--	--	56,973	62,684
Poultry - live (NO)	32,524	40,535	68,577	77,060	4,831	4,235	7,076	6,860
Baby chicks (NO)	27,714	36,087	60,426	69,917	4,448	3,718	6,591	6,057
Poultry meats (MT)	348	360	370,051	405,568	34	35	36,443	42,317
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	317	318	330,101	351,189	30	31	31,149	36,701
Turkeys - fresh or froz (MT)	13	21	14,807	22,072	2	2	2,473	2,563
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	12	14	13,983	15,109	1	1	1,614	1,454
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	5	7	11,161	17,198	1	1	1,208	1,600
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	31,513	28,000	0	0	1,918	2,776
Eggs (NA)	--	--	78,087	108,636	--	--	11,536	10,731
Dairy products (MT)	391	366	456,391	520,181	37	39	42,961	47,854
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	2	3	2,028	3,903	0	1	222	959
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	289	206	192,087	222,886	27	14	16,774	18,333
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	12	8	13,997	9,229	0	0	317	69
Cheese (MT)	18	22	33,077	41,922	4	1	5,943	2,778
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	27	64	19,151	37,068	2	13	1,516	6,486
Other dairy prods (MT)	43	62	196,051	205,173	4	10	18,188	19,229
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,068	1,275	378,813	523,740	80	130	31,196	51,704
Lard (MT)	43	51	20,299	25,465	5	5	2,119	2,288
Tallow - inedible (MT)	939	1,106	316,090	436,183	63	113	22,445	42,669
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	87	118	42,424	62,091	13	13	6,632	6,747
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,575,263	1,697,685	--	--	145,023	143,687
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	21,871	22,388	1,186,284	1,358,555	2,070	2,118	119,927	118,879
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	19,611	22,430	--	--	1,425	2,330
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	110,510	136,261	--	--	13,246	17,325
Furskins (NA)	--	--	258,858	180,439	--	--	10,424	5,153
Mink pelts (NO)	2,597	2,355	101,781	82,672	54	77	2,451	2,666
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	157,077	97,767	--	--	7,973	2,487
Wool & mohair (MT)	6	7	43,321	38,294	1	1	3,793	4,583
Sausage casings (MT)	8	10	21,737	27,214	1	1	2,160	2,373
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	32,825	40,004	--	--	3,269	4,875
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	31	56	95,229	127,913	3	4	8,171	10,618
Grains & feeds (MT)	85,348	101,686	8,489,198	12,626,804	6,952	8,364	713,754	1,252,233
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	27,526	37,789	2,731,909	4,458,807	1,937	2,539	188,276	395,621
Wheat flour (MT)	1,208	1,001	192,630	171,521	134	85	16,594	14,089
Bulgar wheat (MT)	134	115	22,769	28,233	20	3	3,756	603
Other wheat prods (MT)	7	13	6,454	8,734	1	1	737	825
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,335	1,993	522,147	718,888	243	241	57,931	81,215
Feed grains & prods (MT)	44,381	49,875	3,522,620	5,337,917	3,787	4,353	312,531	552,017
Feed grains (MT)	44,129	49,654	3,455,517	5,265,850	3,748	4,327	304,395	543,134
Barley (MT)	2,643	1,846	213,843	151,422	364	57	26,903	8,394
Corn (MT)	37,008	41,997	2,892,212	4,530,837	3,107	3,804	255,695	479,961
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,458	5,786	347,232	580,872	277	464	21,715	54,562
Oats (MT)	10	7	1,355	823	1	1	72	133
Rye (MT)	10	18	875	1,896	0	1	10	83
Feed grain prods (MT)	252	221	67,103	72,066	39	27	8,136	8,883
Popcorn (MT)	44	60	20,941	30,375	4	5	1,816	3,071
Blended food prods (MT)	140	178	34,854	54,482	19	9	4,758	3,197
Other grain prods (MT)	164	217	117,777	156,531	22	24	14,502	16,658
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	9,410	10,445	1,317,096	1,661,318	786	1,103	112,855	184,935
Corn by-products (MT)	5,480	5,532	707,164	801,077	477	644	59,212	96,202
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	540	632	69,874	89,976	43	54	5,175	8,075
Beet pulp (MT)	563	734	69,720	85,316	42	119	4,570	14,851
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	513	602	55,781	79,051	0	7	2	921
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,314	2,944	414,556	605,898	224	280	43,896	64,886
Fruits & preps, excl juice (MT)	1,636	1,847	1,197,815	1,386,329	163	183	116,076	130,095
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,377	1,576	869,521	1,019,111	136	155	78,729	92,964
Fruits - citrus - fresh (MT)	864	909	462,717	501,317	71	74	39,637	40,572
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	339	435	155,638	209,289	37	36	18,023	17,888
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	138	134	87,401	96,572	13	15	8,716	10,461
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	378	331	212,816	187,659	20	21	12,464	11,698
Fruits - noncitrus - fresh (MT)	513	667	406,804	517,794	65	81	39,091	52,393
Apples - fresh (MT)	169	250	80,027	118,667	39	45	16,348	22,075
Grapes - fresh (MT)	100	121	99,908	118,159	11	19	12,650	18,273
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	244	296	226,868	280,968	14	17	10,093	12,044
Fruits - dried (MT)	136	153	216,596	244,906	14	15	22,940	24,054
Raisins - dried (MT)	77	90	117,063	140,198	7	8	10,762	12,059
Prunes - dried (MT)	50	54	79,871	86,559	6	6	10,125	9,868
Other dried fruits (MT)	9	9	19,662	18,148	1	1	2,052	2,127
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	63	68	63,871	72,621	8	8	8,865	8,428



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	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	27	27	22,617	25,652	3	3	2,928	2,169
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	34	23	25,210	24,038	2	3	2,614	2,479
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	3,984	5,346	172,473	247,181	262	340	12,669	17,401
Orange juice (HL)	1,970	2,387	79,318	113,241	133	175	6,405	10,027
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,014	2,959	93,155	133,939	129	165	6,264	7,375
Wine (HL)	39	55	52,270	74,517	4	4	5,993	6,012
Nuts & preparations (MT)	386	389	732,177	807,034	59	57	103,116	99,055
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	109	170	419,769	541,982	18	15	57,370	46,545
Peanuts, shelled or prepared (MT)	192	129	144,022	105,031	26	22	18,468	16,881
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled (MT)	68	68	111,747	96,000	12	18	18,483	26,257
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	2	5,754	7,529	0	0	724	1,071
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	16	19	50,886	56,492	3	2	8,072	8,301
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	1,431	1,687	1,039,677	1,212,824	158	169	110,413	134,474
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	499	573	236,439	283,566	61	59	27,431	27,708
Celery - fresh (MT)	44	51	13,787	16,595	4	5	1,189	1,647
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	117	138	37,154	44,568	23	14	7,194	4,548
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	48	36	18,342	13,602	1	2	388	829
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	59	67	37,889	43,056	9	6	6,628	4,242
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	232	281	129,267	165,744	25	32	12,033	16,442
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	171	231	129,295	166,420	19	24	13,223	17,848
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	101	129	75,240	88,837	11	14	7,647	9,464
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	71	102	54,055	77,584	8	10	5,576	8,384
Vegetables - canned (MT)	126	163	99,883	136,754	14	19	10,750	16,566
Pulses (MT)	417	472	193,362	204,161	42	42	18,010	22,506
Dried beans (MT)	290	315	149,501	153,170	29	30	13,313	17,912
Dried peas (MT)	101	121	32,223	37,042	9	10	3,164	3,254
Dried lentils (MT)	27	36	11,638	13,949	4	3	1,532	1,341
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	7	8	53,283	58,401	1	2	7,109	11,692
Other veg - prep or pres (MT)	210	240	327,415	363,521	21	23	33,890	38,155
Oilseeds & products (MT)	26,369	24,130	5,746,748	6,906,786	3,391	2,184	762,052	686,177
Oilcake & meal (MT)	5,495	5,947	1,098,138	1,460,899	480	393	106,316	114,209
Soybean meal (MT)	5,337	5,761	1,078,155	1,428,520	462	371	104,029	109,078
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	158	186	19,983	32,379	18	22	2,286	5,131
Oilseeds (MT)	19,787	16,640	4,087,199	4,524,864	2,760	1,690	580,982	506,777
Soybeans (MT)	19,386	16,252	3,898,601	4,310,330	2,731	1,667	562,081	487,714
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	236	199	64,608	75,153	8	7	3,780	4,298
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	49	36	38,833	30,304	7	7	5,065	6,230
Other oilseeds (MT)	81	101	23,917	28,359	11	2	3,103	845
Protein substances (MT)	35	53	61,239	80,718	4	6	6,953	7,689
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,087	1,543	561,411	921,023	151	100	74,754	65,191
Soybean oil (MT)	569	821	238,003	447,989	63	50	25,514	29,159
Cottonseed oil (MT)	95	164	45,056	86,710	15	13	6,955	7,400
Sunflower oil (MT)	174	249	75,213	120,240	46	14	19,074	7,091
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	249	309	203,139	266,086	27	24	23,212	21,541
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	166	198	906,377	1,119,342	25	21	134,254	129,237
Tobacco - burley (MT)	43	45	246,958	298,257	1	2	3,955	12,417
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	78	106	494,715	649,330	18	14	110,212	91,369
Other tobacco - unmg (MT)	45	47	164,704	171,755	6	5	20,087	25,451
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,158	1,155	1,386,736	1,768,263	134	87	202,103	121,542
Cotton linters (MT)	23	40	9,834	14,818	3	4	781	1,659
Essential oils (MT)	7	8	101,399	109,154	1	1	10,036	10,356
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	264	254	323,570	363,208	38	31	49,972	46,412
Sugar & tropical products (MT)	997	703	637,308	699,095	106	90	65,522	70,615
Sugar & related products (MT)	902	595	185,305	199,381	96	79	18,128	19,398
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	536	274	102,885	98,249	37	22	8,196	6,973
Related sugar prods (MT)	366	321	82,420	101,132	59	57	9,932	12,424
Coffee (MT)	13	10	82,882	67,071	2	1	8,544	5,953
Cocoa (MT)	6	7	14,148	15,696	0	1	663	2,574
Chocolate & prep (MT)	22	32	76,284	113,879	3	4	9,543	15,443
Tea & mate (MT)	2	3	13,563	15,485	0	0	1,717	1,585
Spices (MT)	7	8	22,563	24,820	1	1	2,406	2,393
Flavoring sirups & extracts (MT)	24	23	208,654	220,066	3	2	21,467	19,406
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	20	25	33,068	41,457	2	2	2,971	3,831
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	1	1	841	1,239	0	0	82	33
Other misc veg products (MT)	20	24	115,243	119,673	2	2	21,402	13,497
Nursery & greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	61,999	76,080	--	--	5,130	5,890
Beverages, excluding juices (HL)	103	142	65,096	82,703	10	12	5,647	7,523
Selected nonagricultural exports (NA)	--	--	7,826,944	9,549,095	--	--	721,390	763,637
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,047,597	2,315,342	--	--	185,130	191,839
Fish & shellfish (MT)	507	589	1,523,500	2,118,672	32	38	127,358	113,138
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	262	344	1,008,282	1,418,061	19	17	83,115	57,568
Shellfish (MT)	53	68	353,512	441,763	4	5	30,882	29,521
Other fish products (MT)	192	177	161,706	258,848	9	17	13,361	26,049
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	243	261	1,322,039	1,529,859	23	21	124,755	122,463
Fungicides (MT)	38	34	182,519	206,986	2	2	14,203	12,923
Herbicides (MT)	132	152	685,626	833,996	14	14	65,819	72,596
Insecticides (MT)	54	52	326,606	350,875	6	4	37,108	29,101
Other pesticides (MT)	19	24	127,289	138,001	1	1	7,624	7,843
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	842,356	957,480	--	--	64,928	78,175
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	51	63	395,914	427,182	4	5	29,759	38,928
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	446,442	530,298	--	--	35,169	39,246
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	2,091,452	2,627,743	--	--	219,219	258,022

Preliminary data. Zeroes represent less than 500 units. -- = Not available.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	January-November				November			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	18,696,791	19,280,578	--	--	1,682,650	1,739,346
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	6,079,732	5,771,258	--	--	496,518	487,264
Bananas & plantains (MT)	2,845	2,785	759,078	767,402	278	247	72,191	70,252
Coffee, incl productss (MT)	1,165	900	2,740,898	2,299,534	78	75	179,350	192,538
Cocoa & products (MT)	485	459	1,038,988	914,970	50	35	105,757	59,439
Tea (MT)	72	83	99,380	117,642	6	7	7,224	9,849
Spices (MT)	93	110	383,478	307,386	8	8	31,297	21,915
Rubber & gums - crude, natural (MT)	752	791	677,073	929,710	64	78	64,978	95,270
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	2,258	589	45,298	43,731	1	1	4,679	3,741
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	40	35	20,396	22,359	3	2	1,356	1,426
Essential oils (MT)	11	11	103,596	135,530	1	1	9,562	11,915
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	47	50	188,995	210,153	4	4	17,259	17,674
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	12,617,059	13,509,320	--	--	1,186,132	1,252,082
Animals & products (NA)	--	--	4,494,942	4,805,177	--	--	373,742	409,511
Animals-live, excl poultry (NO)	1,389	2,096	416,337	676,654	64	177	26,471	57,918
Cattle (NO)	889	1,195	317,144	540,959	27	61	15,510	38,639
Horses & mules (NO)	10	9	51,537	57,044	1	1	9,639	8,504
Swine (NO)	395	783	44,910	73,673	32	107	3,064	9,060
Other live animals (NO)	95	109	2,745	4,977	4	8	259	1,715
Meats & prods, excl poultry (MT)	1,179	1,189	2,597,902	2,555,676	87	89	204,214	198,155
Beef & veal (MT)	714	745	1,491,905	1,601,852	43	53	100,462	119,375
Beef & veal - fresh or froz (MT)	646	673	1,277,632	1,424,580	36	47	77,515	103,561
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	69	72	214,272	177,272	7	6	22,947	15,813
Pork (MT)	425	404	1,011,922	858,981	39	32	92,505	67,560
Pork - fresh or froz (MT)	280	263	541,026	445,195	24	20	44,494	32,421
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	145	141	470,897	413,787	15	12	48,012	35,139
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	16	18	30,258	36,517	2	1	3,277	3,099
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	16	18	29,399	34,639	2	1	3,201	2,946
Variety meats-fresh or froz (MT)	9	8	11,705	11,213	1	1	1,516	916
Other meats - fresh or froz (MT)	3	3	15,270	16,016	0	0	2,246	3,043
Other meats & products (MT)	11	10	36,838	31,079	1	1	4,208	4,162
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	103,726	89,689	--	--	9,956	10,290
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	8,769	6,993	--	--	773	709
Poultry meat (MT)	3	3	12,650	11,768	1	0	2,055	1,566
Eggs (NA)	--	--	13,529	14,171	--	--	1,151	1,382
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	11	9	68,779	56,756	1	1	5,977	6,632
Dairy products (MT)	368	316	742,922	795,638	29	31	81,578	83,484
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	13	13	12,213	12,618	1	1	370	742
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	1	1	1,759	1,697	0	0	155	205
Cheese (MT)	109	102	353,446	321,720	15	13	49,722	41,470
Casein & mixtures (MT)	95	80	208,948	271,239	6	5	16,935	23,340
Other dairy prods (MT)	150	120	166,556	188,363	6	12	14,395	17,727
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	18	19	15,752	17,854	2	1	1,337	1,478
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	278,895	226,060	--	--	16,466	15,354
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	5	5	35,532	37,703	0	0	1,997	1,385
Other hides & skins (MT)	26	26	38,523	54,311	2	3	5,380	6,004
Furskins (NA)	--	--	204,841	134,047	--	--	9,089	7,964
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	39	39	147,977	236,596	3	3	15,987	23,531
Sausage casings (MT)	11	11	55,775	60,429	1	1	5,704	5,281
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	3,514	2,483	--	--	286	501
Miscellaneous animal prods (NA)	--	--	132,142	144,098	--	--	11,742	13,519
Grains and products (MT)	2,198	2,926	679,374	832,541	237	284	74,428	95,842
Wheat, unmilled, excl seed (MT)	292	420	31,649	55,880	25	24	3,332	3,762
Oats, unmilled (MT)	474	758	39,531	93,519	74	85	6,649	11,916
Barley, unmilled (MT)	176	244	14,378	22,768	19	33	1,539	5,298
Rice (MT)	78	99	31,686	49,906	6	9	2,502	4,608
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	122	115	255,659	247,553	14	15	31,710	33,107
Pasta & noodles (MT)	93	96	71,962	76,741	7	9	5,972	7,397
Other grains & preps (MT)	226	238	124,545	132,121	27	20	12,821	14,912
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	736	957	109,965	154,052	64	89	9,904	14,843
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,496	1,555	923,196	967,785	69	85	45,170	54,226
Fruits - fresh or froz (MT)	1,085	1,123	599,920	622,726	40	43	20,134	18,514
Strawberries (MT)	47	45	40,691	32,287	1	2	2,546	2,258
Apples, fresh (MT)	129	118	60,851	51,203	5	8	1,941	3,446
Citrus, fresh (MT)	70	80	21,185	16,203	14	12	6,255	2,952
Grapes, fresh (MT)	240	301	202,695	246,763	0	0	36	9
Mangoes (MT)	52	35	30,933	28,840	0	0	43	18
Melons (MT)	323	314	82,418	78,303	8	11	2,253	3,305
Pineapples (MT)	74	76	21,487	28,033	7	7	2,111	3,248
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	149	154	139,660	141,094	4	3	4,949	3,279
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	411	432	323,276	345,059	29	42	25,035	35,712
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	233	230	145,354	142,673	15	19	10,893	11,436
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	178	202	177,922	202,386	14	23	14,142	24,276
Orange juice (HL)	18,101	14,042	409,278	493,668	2,454	1,859	61,653	69,013
Other fruit juices (HL)	11,020	9,639	254,716	240,291	741	1,171	18,946	27,805
Nuts & preparations (MT)	131	123	347,487	288,252	15	14	41,300	36,342
Brazil nuts (MT)	10	9	14,737	12,883	1	1	1,067	2,101
Cashew nuts (MT)	39	36	243,561	180,839	4	4	28,475	20,867
Chestnuts (MT)	3	3	5,632	6,717	2	2	3,264	4,112
Coconut meat (MT)	49	40	39,823	38,034	4	4	3,221	3,730
Filberts (MT)	2	2	7,471	8,473	0	1	422	1,709
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	9,350	11,810	0	0	1,191	2,093
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	1	2,996	4,985	0	0	492	237
Other nuts (MT)	27	31	23,919	24,510	4	3	3,168	1,492



Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity (continued)

Commodity and unit	January-November				November			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	2,265	2,302	1,398,351	1,472,314	183	192	116,356	130,028
Vegetables - fresh or froz (MT)	1,550	1,562	643,949	660,468	118	123	51,041	56,088
Tomatoes (MT)	401	364	158,915	154,678	18	17	9,262	7,587
Asparagus (MT)	15	14	18,585	18,173	1	1	1,930	1,502
Beans (MT)	11	13	7,967	9,535	0	0	105	344
Carrots (MT)	35	49	8,213	12,460	10	8	1,776	1,896
Cucumbers (MT)	174	169	53,177	38,444	21	19	6,072	6,051
Eggplant (MT)	12	15	5,311	7,688	1	1	657	807
Garlic (MT)	17	17	16,473	10,794	0	0	281	136
Onions (MT)	154	174	55,813	71,848	9	8	6,264	5,922
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	25	31	23,093	28,318	4	5	2,097	3,418
Peppers (MT)	109	117	58,895	65,282	4	5	4,088	4,706
Potatoes (MT)	204	208	47,895	43,306	18	22	3,292	5,622
Squash (MT)	62	55	32,877	28,197	4	5	1,418	2,386
Other veds - fr or froz (MT)	329	335	156,734	171,744	29	30	13,800	15,711
Vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	716	740	754,402	811,846	65	69	65,315	73,941
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	70	67	102,297	120,514	7	6	11,448	12,036
Mushrooms - canned (MT)	66	48	118,785	110,148	2	1	5,336	3,126
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	5	33,419	25,992	0	0	71	71
Artichokes - prep (MT)	18	16	24,553	31,964	1	0	1,398	1,041
Asparagus - prep (MT)	2	2	4,596	5,277	0	0	289	919
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	121	115	62,079	69,022	13	15	6,718	9,669
Waterchestnuts (MT)	31	31	25,366	23,357	3	2	1,912	1,415
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	41	41	19,113	20,074	4	4	1,372	2,340
Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	360	415	364,194	405,498	36	40	36,771	43,324
Sugar & related prods (MT)	2,423	2,323	598,222	615,963	271	167	64,794	50,255
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,136	1,080	365,332	384,688	116	90	40,563	33,071
Molasses - inedible (MT)	935	894	62,589	65,616	128	50	10,244	3,043
Confectionery prods (MT)	41	37	63,052	56,967	3	3	4,744	4,298
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	311	313	107,250	108,692	25	24	9,243	9,843
Spices (MT)	20	21	25,993	29,455	2	2	2,266	3,078
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	209	192	583,123	547,008	20	12	55,619	38,874
Tobacco - filler (MT)	168	162	538,822	512,508	17	11	51,625	36,577
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	16	13	21,874	14,835	1	1	1,751	891
Other tobacco (MT)	25	18	22,427	19,665	2	0	2,243	1,407
Beverages, excl fruit juices (HL)	14,445	14,174	1,798,624	1,808,978	1,353	1,252	212,566	190,095
Wine (HL)	2,977	2,720	876,669	864,659	369	338	132,507	113,859
Malt beverages (HL)	10,139	10,312	814,890	861,442	886	833	72,796	69,740
Other beverages (HL)	1,328	1,142	107,065	82,877	98	81	7,262	6,496
Oilseeds & products (MT)	1,468	1,717	582,325	829,434	169	193	75,020	94,623
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	160	246	52,005	84,302	15	32	4,904	11,447
Flaxseed (MT)	60	92	8,728	24,110	2	10	336	3,166
Sesameseed (MT)	31	31	23,288	23,695	4	2	2,565	1,988
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	69	122	19,989	36,496	8	20	2,003	6,294
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,074	1,226	500,999	701,624	137	132	67,590	77,412
Castor oil (MT)	37	29	24,282	26,695	2	4	1,859	3,160
Coconut oil (MT)	475	416	172,923	209,810	63	28	27,701	15,319
Olive oil (MT)	57	64	93,737	114,300	5	8	8,662	11,878
Palm oil (MT)	172	162	49,700	54,792	19	12	6,029	4,877
Palm kernel oil (MT)	169	183	66,107	96,817	34	29	14,705	16,506
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	164	372	94,249	199,210	14	53	8,634	25,673
Oilcake & meal (MT)	235	245	29,321	43,508	17	30	2,526	5,763
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	0	462	295	0	0	0	0
Cotton linters (MT)	40	25	6,836	6,444	3	1	581	368
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	122	136	142,153	140,628	5	8	11,003	11,374
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	222,006	259,839	--	--	22,411	27,481
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	122,455	136,393	--	--	7,603	9,381
Other vegetable prods (MT)	13	13	27,514	34,854	1	1	2,675	3,786
Selected nonagricultural imports (NA)	--	--	8,184,558	8,049,024	--	--	761,851	719,636
Fertilizers (MT)	13,065	14,322	992,494	1,292,284	1,082	1,272	90,875	118,283
Potassium (MT)	5,912	6,354	360,708	564,207	486	592	42,306	52,067
Nitrogen (MT)	5,934	6,487	483,790	565,168	490	596	36,297	56,153
Phosphate (MT)	592	784	46,393	53,019	66	41	5,676	2,739
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	627	697	101,603	109,891	40	43	6,596	7,324
Fish (MT)	28,621	39,481	5,037,757	4,224,101	2,741	5,390	444,090	406,668
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	892	642	2,434,585	1,709,115	70	52	204,630	143,044
Shellfish (MT)	311	302	2,467,937	2,391,841	28	32	230,406	252,940
Fish prods other (MT)	27,418	38,537	135,235	123,145	2,643	5,306	9,054	10,684
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	63	60	325,397	347,169	7	2	30,447	15,519
Fungicides (MT)	6	6	34,443	43,686	1	0	4,042	3,765
Herbicides (MT)	26	30	138,293	171,541	3	1	13,776	11,680
Insecticides (MT)	12	11	85,976	81,706	1	0	6,371	74
Other pesticides (MT)	18	13	66,685	50,236	1	0	6,258	0
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,753,063	2,113,256	--	--	188,450	170,608
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	127	98	915,814	1,088,769	12	7	106,560	78,018
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	837,250	1,024,487	--	--	81,890	92,590
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	75,847	72,214	--	--	7,990	8,557

Preliminary data. Zeroes represent less than 500 units. -- = Not available.

Table 3--U.S. Agricultural Trade Summary (\$ Million)

Item	Oct	Nov	CY to date	Chg. fm prev. yr
				Percent
Agricultural exports	3,302.0	3,350.0	33,469.8	30.1
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,922.2	1,925.3	21,211.6	2.1
Imports (Customs val.)	1,741.7	1,739.3	19,280.6	3.1
Trade Balance:				
Exports minus cif				
Imports	1,379.8	1,424.7	12,258.2	147.9
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,560.3	1,610.7	14,189.2	101.8

Table 4--U.S. Agricultural Export Forecast

Commodity group	Fiscal 1988	Fiscal 1989 f.
	\$ Million	
Total	35.5	36.5
Grains and feeds	12.7	15.2
Oilseeds and prods.	8.0	6.9
Livestock prods.	6.1	6.1
Horticultural prods.	3.8	4.1
Cotton and linters	2.1	1.5
Tobacco, unmg.	1.3	1.3
	1,000 tons	
Total	148.0	136.0
Grains and feeds	108.1	105.1
Oilseeds and prods.	28.8	20.4
Livestock prods.	2.3	2.2
Horticultural prods.	3.6	3.7
Cotton and linters	1.4	1.1
Tobacco, unmg.	0.2	0.2

(f) = forecast.

Table 5--U.S. Agricultural Exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Sept	Oct	Nov	CY to date	Chg. fm prev. yr
					Percent
Total	3,179.5	3,302.0	3,350.0	33,469.8	30.1
Live animals	88.9	88.8	80.2	542.5	49.1
Meat & prep.	241.7	242.5	258.4	2,201.8	36.6
Hides & skins	144.2	144.4	143.7	1,697.7	7.8
Wheat	490.0	377.0	395.6	4,458.8	63.2
Rice	61.8	79.7	81.2	718.9	37.7
Corn	493.3	559.8	480.0	4,530.8	56.7
Other feed grains	106.6	62.3	63.2	735.0	30.5
Animal feeds	289.1	279.1	299.1	3,122.2	29.3
Soybeans	235.4	421.1	487.7	4,310.3	10.6
Vegetable oils	104.1	92.0	65.2	921.0	64.1
Horticult. prod.	378.1	429.9	392.9	3,804.0	16.3
Cotton & linters	87.4	72.2	123.2	1,783.1	27.7
Tobacco, unmg.	80.8	84.6	129.2	1,119.3	23.5

Table 6--U.S. Agricultural Imports (Customs value) (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Sept	Oct	Nov	CY to date	Chg. fm prev. yr
					Percent
Total	1,649.9	1,741.7	1,739.3	19,280.6	3.1
Live animals	58.0	54.4	58.6	683.6	60.8
Meat & prep.	200.2	196.9	199.7	2,567.4	(1.7)
Dairy prod.	70.8	81.6	83.5	795.6	7.1
Grains & feeds	82.3	91.3	95.8	832.5	22.5
Fruits & nuts	222.9	242.6	257.6	2,757.4	2.4
Vegetables	110.6	109.2	130.0	1,472.3	5.3
Vegetable oils	71.7	80.2	77.4	701.6	40.0
Wine	74.7	114.0	113.9	864.7	(1.4)
Coffee	199.4	194.5	38.9	2,299.5	(16.1)
Cocoa	70.3	59.7	192.5	915.0	(11.9)
Rubber, natural	81.0	90.4	59.4	929.7	37.3
Tobacco, unmg.	59.3	47.0	95.3	547.0	(6.2)
Sugar	35.4	64.6	33.1	384.7	5.3

Numbers in parentheses are negative.

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